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1958

CEMAES RURAL DISTRICT

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR 1958.

To the Chairman and Members of the Council,

Mr.Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have the pleasure to present the Annual Report for the year 1958.

At the request of the Ministry of Health, the vital statistics are being presented in a slightly modified form.

Although the estimated resident population of 8,880 again shows a slight decrease over the 1957 figure, it is still higher than it was in 1948 when the population was estimated to be 8,728.

The health during 1958 of your district has been good. No serious epidemic occurred and although there was an outbreak of measles, the disease was relatively mild.

No maternal deaths occurred. Three deaths in infants occurred but it appears from our present medical knowledge that these could not have been prevented.

Two cases of tuberculosis were notified during the year but no deaths occurred, while in 1948 there were three deaths from this disease.

The general housing problem is easier. Certain areas where there are waiting lists,such as Newport and St.Dogmael's, are receiving attention.

The problem of the increased cost of building council houses and the consequent increase in rents is a difficult one and the solution is not easy, but the rents in the district do compare very favourably with other areas.

The water and sewerage problems in the area are being solved and when they arise they are being dealt with as speedily as possible.

The section prepared by the Public Health Inspector shows how large a part these officers play in the maintenance of the conditions suitable for healthy living.

In conclusion, I would like to thank the members of the Council and the staff for their continued courtesy and co-operation during the year.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,

P. M. Bowen

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V I T A L S T A T I S T I C S

Resident Population (Registrar General's Estimate).....1958.....

.....8,880.....

	Cemaes R.D. 1958	Cemaes R.D. 1957	County of Pembroke	England & Wales
Live Births	122	113		
Live Birth Rate	13.07	12.7	18.61	16.4
Still Births	7	1		
Still Birth Rate (per 1,000 live and still births)	54.26	8.84	27.57	21.6
Total Live and Still Births	129	114		
Infant Deaths	3	5		
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000 live births) - total	24.6	44.2	25.98	22.5
- legitimate	25.85	45.04		
- illegitimate	nil			
Neo-natal Mortality Rate (per 1,000 live births)	24.6	35.3	17.72	16.2
Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births.	4.91	1.76		
Maternal Deaths	nil	nil		
Maternal Mortality Rate (per 1,000 live and still births)	nil	nil	0.57	0.43

The infant mortality rate shows a decrease this year and is less than the rate for the County of Pembroke although higher than that for England and Wales. There were three deaths of infants under one year of age; 1 from prematurity at two hours, 1 from congenital heart disease at one week, and 1 from pulmonary atelectasis at nineteen hours.

Deaths	124	111		
Death Rate (per 1,000 pop.)	13.96	12.4	13.21	11.7

Causes of death	Male	Female
TOTAL (All causes)	68	56
Malignant neoplasm of stomach	4	2
Malignant neoplasm of lung, bronchus,	3	-
Malignant neoplasm of breast	-	2
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	4	5
Leukaemia, aleukaemia,	-	1
Vascular lesions of nervous system	10	12
Coronary disease, angina,	15	7
Hypertension with heart disease	3	2
Other heart disease	6	12
Other circulatory disease	6	3
Influenza	2	-
Pneumonia	1	3
Bronchitis	2	-
Other diseases of the respiratory system	2	-

Causes of death (cont.)	Male	Female
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	1	1
Nephritis and nephrosis	1	1
Hyperplasia of prostate	1	-
Congenital malformations	-	1
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	5	3
Motor Vehicle Accidents	-	1
All other accidents	2	-

The general death rate shows a slight increase. Approximately 62.9% (78) of the total deaths were of persons aged over 70 years, and of these, 31.45% (39) occurred in persons aged over 80 years. No deaths occurred this year from tuberculosis but of the 20 deaths from cancer, 3 were due to cancer of the lung. The greatest number of deaths from any one cause resulted from heart disease, which accounted for 45 deaths. The two deaths due to accidents were caused by suffocation from smoke in a caravan fire and the victims were two little boys aged two years and fourteen months.

NOTIFICATIONS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Pneumonia	1
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	2
Meningeal Tuberculosis	1
Scarlet Fever	3
Measles	152

TUBERCULOSIS

Two cases of pulmonary tuberculosis were notified during the year. The case of meningeal tuberculosis was admitted to hospital but took his own discharge after three and a half months.

PREVENTION OF TUBERCULOSIS

B.C.G. Vaccination — B.C.G. Vaccination of contacts and school leavers continues to be carried out in the district. During 1958, 43 school children were skin-tested and of these, 41 required vaccination.

LOCAL HEALTH SERVICE ACT 1946.

LOCAL HEALTH SERVICES

Vaccination — Records were received during the year of 93 primary and 18 secondary vaccinations.

Immunisation — Records were received of 143 diphtheria immunisations and 64 reinforcing injections, and 137 children were immunised against whooping cough.

Both vaccination against smallpox and immunisation against diphtheria and whooping cough are carried out by the local practitioners, who are paid by the County Council on receipt by your Medical Officer of the record cards.

VACCINATION AGAINST POLIO-MYELITIS.

This work has continued at the clinics and in the schools and has meant much additional work for the County Health Department. The age range has now been extended to those born during and since 1933, but the number of requests for vaccination from this older age group is lower than one would wish, but the response from the parents of children born between 1958 and 1943 is very satisfactory.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948.

Section 47:- Removal to suitable premises of persons in need of care and attention.

No action was necessary under this section.

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WATER SUPPLIES

Parish	Number of Properties Connected
Bayvil	10
Bridell	25
Capel Colman	23
Castellan	38
Cilgerran	204
Cilrhedyn West	--
Clydey	7
Dinas Cross	190
Eglwyswrw	46
Llanfihangel Penbedw	32
Llanfyrnach	213
Llantood	5
Llanychlwydog	5
Llanfair Nantgwyn	19
Manordeifi	73
Meline	16
Monington	--
Moylegrove	29
Nevern	51
Newport	451
Penrith	12
St.Dogmaels	335
Whitechurch	11

WATER SAMPLES sent for bacteriological examination:-

Public Supply		Private Supplies	
Number taken	29	Number taken	4
Satisfactory	29	Satisfactory	4

MILK SAMPLES

From Schools		From Farms and Retailers	
Number taken	19	Number taken	21
Satisfactory	19	Satisfactory	19
		Unsatisfactory	2

UNFIT FOOD

During the year it was found necessary to condemn the following foodstuffs:-

35lbs	home killed meat
48lbs	tinned foods (meats)
111lbs	tinned foods (various)

HOUSING

(a) Council Houses - 8 houses were completed and occupied during the year, all at St.Dogmaels. No houses were under construction at the end of the year.

(b) Private Houses - 4 dwellings were completed and occupied by private enterprise and 4 were under construction.

REFUSE COLLECTION

About two thirds of the area is collected once weekly by means of a lorry.

There are four refuse tips, St.Dogmaels, Cilgerran, Newport and Hermon.

RODENT CONTROL

One man is employed on this work and appears to have the position well under control.

CARAVAN SITES

Ten sites are licensed, for 434 caravans.

INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING THE YEAR

Total No. of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts).	-	29
No. of dwelling houses inspected and recorded under the Housing (Consolidated) Regulations 1925 and 1932 included in previous column.	-	29
No. of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation.	-	1
No. dwelling houses found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation (exclusive of those in previous column).	-	1
No. of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the local authority or their officers.	-	nil

ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS DURING YEAR

Housing Act, 1936. Sections 9,10, and 16.		
No. of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs.	-	nil
No. of dwelling houses rendered fit after service of formal notices (By Owners).	-	nil
Public Health Acts.		
No. of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied.	-	nil
No. of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices (By Owners).	-	nil
Housing Act, 1936 Sections 11 and 13.		
No. of dwelling houses in respect of which demolition orders were made.	-	nil
Housing Act, 1936. Section 12.		
No. of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which closing orders were made.	-	nil

HOUSING ACT,1936. PART IV - OVERCROWDING

No. of dwelling houses overcrowded at end of year	-	nil
No. of new cases of overcrowding reported during year	-	nil

FACTORIES ACT 1937 and 1948.

	No. on Register	Inspections	Written Notices	Prose-cutions.
(i) Factories in which sections 1,2,3,4, & 6 are enforced by Local Authorities.	nil	16	nil	nil
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which section 7 is enforced by Local Authorities.	nil	nil	nil	nil
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authorities (excluding outworkers' premises).	nil	nil	nil	nil
TOTAL	nil	16	nil	nil

T.L. BOWEN.

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR.